



# Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

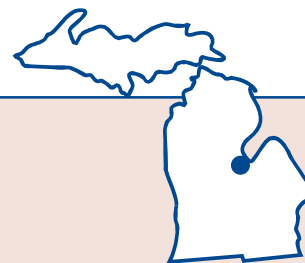
## *Saginaw, MI*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Saginaw was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Over the past three decades, Saginaw (population 61,799) has lost 30,000 residents. The decline in the city's industrial base has left over 700 abandoned or tax-reverted properties city-wide. In the area targeted by the assessment grant, the poverty rate is over 28 percent, and 47 percent of its residents are minorities. The city is using its brownfields program to assemble properties into parcels that are attractive to commercial developers, and whose redevelopment will provide jobs for the local residents and an increased tax base for the city.



### Assessment Grant

**New  
2004**

\$200,000 for hazardous substances  
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Saginaw for a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform ten Phase I site assessments, ten Phase II site assessments, and six baseline environmental assessments. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform 12 Phase I site assessments, 12 Phase II site assessments, and six baseline environmental assessments. Community outreach activities will be conducted throughout the assessment period. The city has completed an inventory of brownfields sites and is in the process of ranking them. Priority will be given to sites in blighted areas that have identified developer interest.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.